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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,	Magistrate Case No.: 07 MJ 88 10
v.	COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF
Alfredo Miranda ARELLANO, Defendant.	21 U.S.C. § 952 and 960 Importation of a Controlled Substance (Felony)

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

On or about September 24, 2007, within the Southern District of California, defendant Alfredo Miranda ARELLANO did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 20.12 kilograms (44.26 pounds) of Cocaine a Schedule II Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960.

The complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached Statement of Facts incorporated herein by reference.

Douglas Struckmeyer, Special Agent
U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement

SWORN TO BEFORE ME AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE, THIS 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007.

PETER C. LEWIS
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v.
Alfredo Miranda ARELLANO

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This statement of facts is based on the reports, documents, and notes furnished to U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent Douglas Struckmeyer.

On September 24, 2007, at approximately 2125 hours, Alfredo Miranda ARELLANO entered the United States at the Calexico, California, West Port of Entry. ARELLANO was the driver, registered owner and sole occupant of a 2005 Nissan Altima

The primary inspector, Customs and Border Protection Officer (CBPO) A.G. Gonzalez, noticed the vehicle's rear bumper showed signs of tampering. ARELLANO gave the primary inspector a negative oral customs declaration. ARELLANO was escorted to the vehicle secondary lot.

In secondary inspection, CBPO G. Gonzalez asked CBPO S. Barela to conducted a canine inspection of the vehicle. The canine alerted and responded to the rear bumper. A subsequent inspection by CBPO J. Carp revealed 18 packages in a specially built non-factory compartment in the rear bumper. One of the packages was probed by CBPO J. Carp and a sample of a white powdery substance was obtained, which field tested positive for cocaine. The 18 packages had a combined net weight of approximately 20.12 kilograms (44.26 pounds).

ARELLANO was placed under arrest and advised of his rights, per Miranda, which he acknowledged and waived, agreeing to answer questions. ARELLANO stated a guy by the name of "Alex" had paid him $300.00 to rent his vehicle to go to Los Angeles. ARELLANO stated he thought the vehicle contained marijuana because "Alex" had paid him $300.00 to rent the car which was too much to rent the car. ARELLANO had three one-hundred dollar bills in his possession. ARELLANO was booked into the Imperial County Jail pending his initial appearance before a U. S. Magistrate Judge.